

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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NEW GAS RESERVE AREAS IN ORISSA AND ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the new gas reserve areas have been discovered of the Orissa and Andhra Pradesh Coasts; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken for the production of gas from those new areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): During 2003-04, two gas discoveries viz. Dhirubhai-7 & Dhirubhai-8 were made in block KG-DWN-98/3 off the coast of Andhra Pradesh while three gas discoveries viz. Dhirubhai-9, Dhirubhai-10 & Dhirubhai-11 have been made in block NEC-OSN-97/2 off the coast of Orissa by the consortium of Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) and Niko Resources Ltd. Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has also made a gas discovery during 2003-04 at G-4 prospect off the coast of Andhra Pradesh. The above discoveries are under appraisal.